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CRIME

Police say both suspects knew victim found beaten in June



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton police have charged two people in relation to the homicide of a woman found bound and beaten in a shopping cart in June.

Andrea Marie Berg's body was found in an alley near 124 Street and 113 Avenue on June 16 around 1:15 a.m.

Edmonton's medical examiner said Berg died from blunt-force trauma.

Police have charged 36-year-old Lana Jane Pelletier with second degree murder and 50-year-old John Charles Kisil with accessory after the fact.

The accused are in police custody and a court date has not been set. EPS Staff Sgt. Shawna Grimes said the two knew the victim.

Grimes said police are still looking to speak with anyone who may have information about Berg's death.

"It's important that every investigation we do is incredibly thorough. That means if we lay charges, we don't just shut the book.

"We're always open to any sort of other investigative avenues."

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CRIME

Escape attempt hits new heights

A man accused of ramming a police cruiser during a 100-kilometre chase appears to have marked a first for a central Alberta RCMP detachment by hiding in a tree to elude capture.

Mounties at Evansburg got a call last Thursday about a stolen vehicle in the summer village of Seba Beach, about 90 kilometres west of Edmonton.

The driver was spotted swerving from shoulder to shoulder when officers caught up to him, and he took off when they tried to pull him over.

Police say that after ramming one of their vehicles, the driver sped through several fields near the community of Niton Junction on the Yellowhead Highway, west of Seba Beach, and eventually stopped before fleeing on foot.

Officers aided by a police dog service team eventually found him hiding in a tree.

Daniel Patrick O'Donnell, of no fixed address, remains in custody on charges that include dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and flight from police.

RCMP Sgt. Brian Topham with the Evansburg detachment says in his 33 years of policing, he's never seen a suspect take such an unusual escape route.

"I've seen them run until they can't run anymore, hide in all kinds of places in the ground, or cross rivers, but I've never seen anybody go up a tree."

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Harper takes shots at Notley government in Edmonton

POLITICS

As leader points fingers, protesters point back



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper took direct aim at Alberta's NDP government in a campaign rally in Edmonton Wednesday, saying the country can't take the same risk with the

NDP that Alberta just did.

Speaking to a warehouse filled with Conservative supporters, Harper said he knows that Alberta is in tough times and while he has no control of oil prices, he is confident the province can weather the storm.

"We have seen such times in the energy sector before. Albertans have always bounced back stronger than ever and I am confident they will do so again," he said.

While he conceded Premier Rachel Notley's government can do no more about oil prices than he can, he said the NDP should be showing more concern for the state of the economy.



We cannot afford to take this kind of NDP gamble with our entire economy.

Conservative Leader
Stephen Harper

"Where is their economic action plan? Where is their budget?" he asked the crowd before criticizing Notley for postponing her budget until late October.

He said the only thing the

government had done for the economy was to harm it with tax increases, something he argued the party's federal cousins would surely do as well.

"We don't know what surprises are in store, but we know the NDP has already started raising taxes, because raising taxes is in the DNA of the NDP," he said. "Those tax hikes are already costing jobs."

Harper said in the current economy there is no room for an orange wave nationally.

Harper also hammered Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau repeatedly, invoking the phrase in the party's attack advertisements that Trudeau is "just not ready."

In addition to the supporters who gathered outside, Harper was greeted by dozens of protesters. A large group of postal workers protested the end of door-to-door mail service, while dozens of others showed up to protest the government's anti-terrorism legislation.

Michael Fuller said he was there to show Harper not all Canadians are behind him.

"People are unsatisfied with him and the bills he has passed," he said.

"He continues to pass unconstitutional law after law with a clear agenda, so we are going to continue to protest him until we can get him out of office."



Conservative Leader Stephen Harper speaks to a room full of supporters at a rally Wednesday night in Edmonton. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO



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Dayton Block demonstrates the intricacies of welding to one of his students. Mind over Metal is sponsored by the Canadian Welding Association Foundation and teaches aboriginal youth aged 12-15 basic techniques. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Mind over Metal welds youth to skills

EDUCATION

Summer-camp style program opens 'world of opportunities'



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

After last year's Mind over Metal camp, Dayton Block asked the group of 20 at-risk youth before him who wanted to be a welder.

"Twenty hands went up," said Block, who is the lead again this year for the innovative camp. "It was great the first year, after

we finished the responses were overwhelming."

Sponsored by the Canadian Welding Association (CWA) Foundation, the program teaches aboriginal youth aged 12-15 the basics of the welding industry in a summer camp format.

The camp, running at St. Joseph High school in Edmonton from Aug. 10 to 14, is designed to provide young people with an introduction to the trades, which Block said opens a world of opportunities.

"It's targeting at-risk youth, to inspire kids into the idea of working within the trades, specifically welding," said Block, who is also the welding instructor at St. Joseph during the school year.



It's targeting at-risk youth, to inspire kids into the idea of working within the trades.

Instructor Dayton Block

Six of the students from last year's camp switched schools to have access to the welding shop and further pursue their newfound goal.

In classroom and hands-on sessions, Block is teaching the kids about welding safety, gas metal arc welding (GMAW), weld symbols and the impact welding has on daily lives.

"The kids are in for five days, Monday to Friday, and we fit a lot in one week," he said, noting the kids get to work with different materials and methods and at the end, take home everything they make.

"It's totally cool for them, the kids are loving it."

His experience running the pilot last year was used to create a materials package that has been sent across Canada for camps to run in all of the provinces and territories this summer.

In a prepared statement, Deborah Mates, director of the CWA Foundation, said she's excited to offer the camp in other parts of the country, "and expose youth to something they may have never imagined."

MEDICATION

Girl who died in group home had complex needs

Alberta's child advocate is calling for improvements after an eight-year-old in a group home died from an overdose of sleeping medication.

A report from Del Graff released Wednesday said that the unidentified girl had complex needs and was on various medications, including the sedative chloral hydrate.

A worker at the group home found her unresponsive in bed in early 2014.

An autopsy showed the child had too much chloral hydrate in

her system. Police investigated but could not determine how the overdose happened.

"While all children who come into government care have some level of vulnerability, those with complex behavioural, developmental and/or medical needs are especially vulnerable," wrote Graff.

An internal government investigation after the death found gaps in the group home's medication procedures, the report said, although the home has since made changes.

The girl, who was taken into care when she was seven, wasn't toilet trained and hadn't been in school. She had a risk of choking while eating and required constant supervision.

She was diagnosed with severe social and intellectual disabilities, motor deficits and language problems. She was further assessed as being a risk to herself and others because of lengthy tantrums.

She was initially put in a short-term group home for children with minimal needs. Instead of the maximum 72-hour stay

allowed, she remained there for seven months.

The report said the girl was eventually moved to a foster home with parents experienced in caring for special-needs children. The girl only slept for a few hours at a time and was awake several times each night.

In the end, her foster parents found "her needs were beyond their capacity," and she was moved back to a group home.

She had been in that home for just over a month when she was found dead. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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HEAT ADVISORY

Water bottles scarce for many residents



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

Due to extremely high temperatures, Alberta Health Services issued a heat advisory for the Edmonton Zone Wednesday, effective until mid-day Friday.

In a prepared statement, Dr. Joanna Oda, the officer of health for the Edmonton Zone, said "normal activity that may be safe on a cool day might be dangerous in current weather conditions," adding people should "look-out for our neighbours."

The advisory recommends residents and visitors take breaks from heat in cooled buildings, wear sunscreen or light clothing and drink plenty of water.

But for some of Edmonton's homeless population, none of those recommendations are always possible.

Janson Andrew, who's been homeless for 13 years, said he never knows if there's a heat advisory and doesn't care if it's 25 or 30 degrees Celsius.

"Hot is hot," he said, adding he never knows the temperature. "The less you know the less it hurts."

On days when other people fill up a water bottle at home or dress for the weather, Andrew

30°
Yesterday's high temperature.

31°
Expected temperature today.

22°
Average high, August 12

wears what he has and tries to find a public water fountain to drink.

"If I can find it," he said, noting sometimes they are out of order and then he's just "out of luck."

Andrew doesn't get to check forecasts, so starts his day like he normally would, bright and early around 7 a.m. and keeps to the shade as the sun gets higher.

Throughout the day, he said avoiding heat stroke is just a matter of luck.

"Sometimes, you get lucky, meet nice people," he said. "You'll get a bottle of water ... that's like Holy Water."

He said he's found that there are "not enough" places to pick up bottled water, and when he doesn't find any, he circles back to public fountains and waits for the sun to go down for relief.



Ed Major, who drives the Hope Mission van, carries bottled water into the vehicle Wednesday. The Mission is asking for donations of water as supplies are low. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Hot days create risk for city's homeless

HOPE MISSION

Shelters seek donations of water, clothing



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

When the temperature soars, homeless people in Edmonton turn to shelters for bottled water.

Trouble is, the shelters are running out of water and say

they badly need donations.

Hope Mission delivers and transports flats of bottled water around the city in its 24/7 rescue van, a converted ambulance that provides year-round basic care and offers rides to Hope Mission shelters.

Spokesperson Rachel Chan said the organization is putting out a call for bottled water and other supplies like light clothing and hats because the demand has spiked this week.

"The last few days have been hot, and last weekend was hot as well, so we are really in need," she said.



We absolutely need water donations.

Marliss Taylor

Chan said it's hard for most people to stay well on extremely hot days, but without the kindness of others it's way harder for homeless people.

"Having access to a bottle of water to stave off dehydration is key to staying healthy,"

she said. "We're running low."

She said people willing to donate flats of water can do so at the main Hope Mission building on 106 Avenue between 9 and 5.

Marliss Taylor, a program manager at the Boyle Street Community Services shelter, said they're feeling the need as well.

"We absolutely need water donations," she said, adding that although people are able to enter the shelter to get water, they'll be outside for hours after and "not realize they are getting dry."

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Mayor Don Iveson pushes the first shovel in for a next-generation inner-city development that the city hopes will change how neighbourhoods are built. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Iveson bullish on Blatchford project

CONSTRUCTION

Work begins on venture despite dip in economy



As shovels ripped into the earth at the former city airport Wednesday, a lagging economy failed to dampen the city's enthusiasm for the Blatchford development that's now under construction.

Over the past year, demolition and preparation work has been the focus of work at the

site. But Wednesday saw the first construction work to prepare the land for new houses, which will eventually be home to up to 30,000 people, with the first residents expected by next year.

Mayor Don Iveson said he's eager to move the project forward and isn't concerned about the dip in the economy making it hard to sell homes in Blatchford.

"It's important to realize that this is a 30-year project and there are a lot of developers who are moving ahead on servicing now, so they're ready when oil comes back and demand comes back up," he said.

Iveson said the city will build only as fast as demand dictates, but expects many will

want to live in the community.

Mark Hall, the project's executive director said the current downturn has helped the project by reducing costs.

"What we're finding in the construction industry particularly is that we have been getting great pricing," he said.

Hall added that market research shows that demand for units will be high at Blatchford because it is unique.

Councillors will get an update on plans for a district energy system at Blatchford next month. Coun. Bev Esslinger said she hopes Blatchford will put the city on the global map.

"The world is watching us. We want this to be a place that demonstrates that Edmonton is forward-thinking," she said.

ÉCOLE FRÈRE ANTOINE

Fire causes \$1.5M in damage

Tim Querengesser and Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton Fire Rescue's investigation into the fire that broke out around 4 p.m. Tuesday at École Frère Antoine is ongoing, though investigators have already determined the blaze caused \$1.5 million in damage. More than 50 firefighters were at the scene Tuesday to fight the blaze.

Jill Mackenzie, public information officer for Edmonton Fire, said the cause is being investigated, though she could not comment on allegations made by several at the scene Tuesday

that a 20-something male had shown them cellphone videos from the roof of the school of the fire burning.

Mackenzie could confirm, however, that the Edmonton Police Service is currently not part of the investigation.

Onlookers near the blaze Tuesday told Metro a 20-something male came upon them and bragged about having the video from the roof of the school.

Mackenzie also could not confirm the cause of a loud bang that rang out as the fire started or if there were acetylene tanks on the roof of the school, as some witnesses have alleged.

"A lot more details will come

out when the investigation wraps up," Mackenzie said.

Lori Nagy, spokesperson for Edmonton Catholic Schools, said, "As of this morning we have to replace seven portables. Those are six classrooms."

The first day of classes is set for Sept. 8.

Nagy said each portable costs about \$300,000 to build, but ultimately costs \$500,000 to fully outfit with desks, chairs and other needed equipment.

"The minister of education has said he will expedite the delivery of seven modulars to Frère Antoine," Nagy said.

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Andrea Berg remembered as charges laid in grisly murder

ONGOING INVESTIGATION

Victim 'taken from the world way too soon'

Andrea Ross and Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Andrea Berg was a "beloved" member of one of the city's front-line services for at-risk populations.

The 42-year-old woman was involved in Edmonton's Hope Mission Community Church, serving in many ways but particularly through singing.

"She sang on our worship team and had a lovely singing voice," said Hope Mission spokesman Rachael Chan.

"The Hope Mission community lost a beloved member, and with the charges laid in connection to her death, the Hope Mission is praying for Andrea's family and all those who were touched by her life.

"We are hoping and praying for peace at this time."

On Wednesday, Edmonton Police announced they have laid charges against two people in connection with Berg's death: Lana Jane Pelletier, 36, is charged with second degree murder and John Charles Kisil, 50, is charged with accessory after the fact to murder.

Both are in police custody and their first court appearance is yet to be scheduled. Both Pelletier and Kisil allegedly knew Berg, said Staff Sgt. Shawna Grimes



Andrea Berg's body was found in a Safeway shopping cart in an alley near 124 Street and 113 Avenue. CONTRIBUTED

of the homicide section.

Grimes said several informants tipped off police, which led to pressing charges Wednesday. But they're calling for the public to continue to offer police clues on the case, as the investigation is still ongoing.

"There wasn't one thing that led to us being able to lay charges. It was the accumulation of the entire investigation," Grimes said. "It's important that every investigation we do is incredibly thorough. That means if we

lay charges, we don't just shut the book. We're always open to any sort of other investigative avenues."

Berg's murder, one of 12 so far in 2015, is the first homicide case of the year where Edmonton Police have successfully laid charges.

The grisly scene that onlookers discovered in the early hours of June 16 near 124 Street rocked Edmonton.

In an alley between houses and walk-up apartment build-



Staff Sgt. Shawna Grimes addresses reporters as Edmonton Police announce charges against two people in the death of Andrea Berg; inset: Andrea Berg. ANDREA ROSS/METRO; INSET: FACEBOOK

ings, several people came upon a woman whose limbs were bound and had been put into a Safeway shopping cart beside an RV vehicle.

Berg was pronounced dead at the scene.

She was originally from Fort Saskatchewan and attended Bev Facey Community High School

there until 1990 before moving to Edmonton.

Upon news of her death, friend Sherry Spence wrote this parting note on Facebook:

"This is my friend Andrea Berg who was murdered on Tuesday. You are gone out of our lives Andrea; but you will never be forgotten. Your spirit will live on.

"I hope to be able to be more like you. Where I can lift up a room just because I walked in. To be able to love unconditionally. I am so proud to know you reached out to me when you were hurting. I wish I would have kept the contact going. You were taken from the world way too soon. Love you my friend."

ARREST

Parole revoked for man who shot child

A man who wounded a toddler in a drive-by shooting on a central Alberta reserve is back behind bars.

The Parole Board of Canada has revoked statutory release for Christopher Crane.

It says the 25-year-old was arrested after staff at a community residential facility found him drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana.

Crane had also been drinking and doing drugs on the Samson Cree Nation in April 2008 when he fired a rifle at a home he thought belonged to a rival gang member.

A bullet went through a wall and struck 23-month-old Asia Saddleback in the

chest as she was sitting at a kitchen table.

She miraculously survived, although doctors were unable to remove the bullet lodged between her liver and spine.

Crane pleaded guilty to aggravated assault and other charges and was sentenced to seven years and five months.

He was released from prison in March after serving two-thirds of his sentence, and the parole board imposed various conditions that included not to consume alcohol.

He is next scheduled for statutory release on Dec. 16, 2016.

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IN BRIEF

Double-decker bus catches fire on roadway

There were no injuries when a double-decker bus burst into flames on a major roadway in downtown Edmonton.

The bus from Strathcona County caught fire on McDougall Hill during the noon hour on Wednesday.

Fire officials said the flames appeared to be coming from the bottom of the bus. Witnesses reportedly said the bus had been leaking oil all along the Low Level Bridge before reaching the hill.

The flames were quickly extinguished and the nine passengers, including the driver, got out safely.

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ANIMAL WELFARE

Dog in car sparks backlash

"If an animal isn't in distress, all we can do is ... have a conversation with the owner."

Travis Grant, EHS

A dog living in a minivan for weeks on Edmonton's streets is prompting the mayor to call on collaborative changes to be made by the city, province and Humane Society.

Neighbours say the dog, a golden retriever, has been kept inside a Ford Windstar parked in a commercial lot behind the Bubbles car wash on Jasper Avenue and 116 Street around the clock, despite the hot weather.

City authorities have received numerous calls about the van, but provincial legislation means none have the power to intervene unless the dog is in distress.

"I wish the tools were different, but that is something we are going to have to work on with the province and with the Humane Society in order to rect-

ify," Don Iveson said Wednesday.

"In the event that this animal's welfare gets to the point where there is cause to intervene, I will be as happy as everyone else that the dog has been removed from this situation."

Metro has tried numerous times to identify and contact the owner of the van. On Wednesday, the van sat in the parkade of the Berkeley Condominiums

building on 116 Street. The back windows were open but the dog was not in the vehicle.

Following intense public backlash over the dog's situation, the Edmonton Humane Society said complaints must be registered formally through their website in order to start an investigation.

"If an animal isn't in distress, all we can do is visit the scene and have a conversation with the owner," EHS spokesman Travis Grant said. "All we can do is basically enforce the tenets of the Animal Protection Act."

"But it's never acceptable to keep a dog in a car when we are dealing with extreme temperatures. Even having the window cracked is not good enough."

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Witness leads court through Duffy scenario from inside

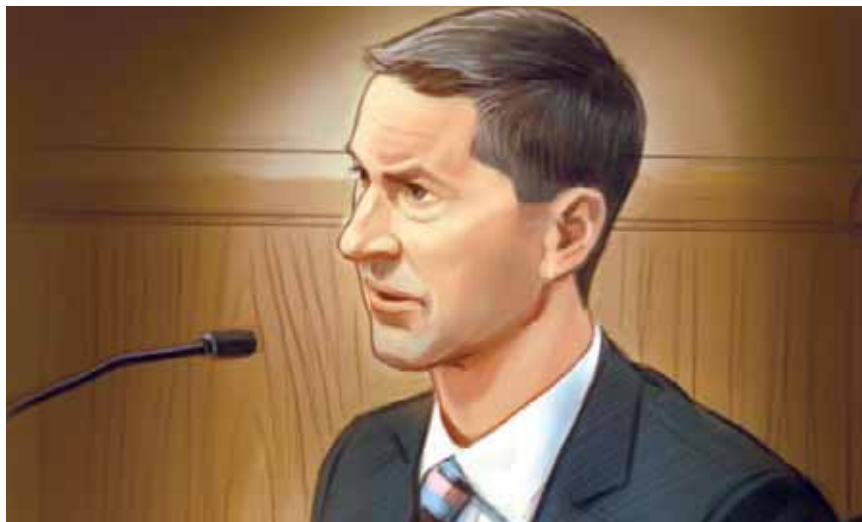
Inside the Prime Minister's Office, they called it the "scenario for repayment" — a plan that would make the Mike Duffy expenses scandal quietly go away, without anyone suggesting the senator had done wrong.

Nigel Wright, the marquee witness at Duffy's fraud, breach of trust and bribery trial on Wednesday, said he didn't tell former boss Stephen Harper that the deal involved someone else paying Duffy's contested expenses.

But several of Harper's closest aides were privy to the drawn-out, often tense negotiations that went on behind the scenes in 2013. Harper was briefed in general, Wright said.

"I told (Harper) that Sen. Duffy was agreeing to repay; I gave him — in very broad terms, not in detail — the media lines," Wright testified.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty



Nigel Wright, former chief of staff to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, testifies during trial in Ottawa on Wednesday, in this artist's sketch. GREG BANNING/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to 31 charges in connection with his Senate office, living and travel expenses. Wright's testimony goes to his secret \$90,000 repayment of Duffy's expenses, which has been framed by the Crown as being orchestrated by Duffy.

Wright, who flew in from

London where he now works, answered Crown attorney Jason Neubauer's questions with long, detailed answers. He recalled dates and specific phone calls and admitted to feeling anger toward Duffy at different junctures — and ultimately regret.

"If it became public, I thought it would be somewhat embarrassing," he said. "But there were a whole lot of connotations associated with it that I didn't really think through. If I had, I might not have done it."

Wright's highly anticipated testimony was accompanied by

426 pages of internal emails that were filed with the court.

From the moment the media began asking about the senator's residency issues in late 2012, Duffy dug in his heels.

The senator filed for expenses on the basis that he was travelling and living away from his "principal" residence in Prince Edward Island, even though he lived most of the time in Ottawa.

He told Wright the Senate rules and forms were not clear and repaying the money would put him at risk of being declared not qualified to sit in the upper chamber.

While Wright said Duffy might have arguably been legally entitled to the expenses, he felt that common sense dictated that he shouldn't claim for expenses for somewhere he "hung his hat at night."

Ultimately, Duffy and the PMO reached an agreement that would see his expenses repaid by the party, the Deloitte audit curtailed, the government defend Duffy's right to represent Prince Edward Island and Duffy keep his mouth shut about everything.

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CYCLOSPORA

Outbreak remains mystery

Some sort of fresh produce has been making a number of Canadians sick this summer. But with grocery stores a veritable cornucopia of fruits and vegetables, how do public health experts figure out what is to blame?

It ain't easy. In fact, it takes a lot of dogged work to figure out the cause of something like Cyclospora, which has sickened more than 80 people in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Quebec this summer.

And given the fact that it's actually been several weeks since the most recent person to be diagnosed became ill, chances are decent the source of this outbreak is going to remain a mystery.

Ontario has reported the lion's share of the cases in this outbreak is caused by a parasite called Cyclospora. The bug only infects people, triggering a gastrointestinal illness called cyclosporiasis. Its presence suggests some human feces came in contact with the produce carrying it.

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COURTS

Sailors to return to U.K.

A Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge has ruled three British sailors charged with a sexual assault in Halifax can return to the U.K. while on bail.

Justice Josh Arnold said Canada has good relations with the U.K., allowing for extradition if the men fail to appear for their Canadian court hearing.

Arnold said each of the men will be released on cash bail of \$10,000 and on condition that return when required.

Arnold said "reasonable bail must include reasonable conditions," and said in this instance allowing the men to return home before their trial is permitted under Canadian law.

The men must surrender their passports to the Royal Navy and will only receive them before court appearances or meetings with lawyers. They must also notify the court if they plan to resign from the navy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP, Liberals respond to trial

ELECTION 2015

Leaders take different stances on Duffy case

The NDP wasted little time Wednesday in using the return of Mike Duffy as political leverage against the Conservatives, while Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau seemed to want to wash his hands of it.

With Nigel Wright, Stephen Harper's former chief of staff, on hand to testify at the disgraced senator's trial, Charlie

Angus — the New Democrat point man on ethics — was promising to be there to discuss his testimony.

With NDP Leader Tom Mulcair campaigning in Quebec, Angus was also expected to step into the renewed media spotlight to promote an NDP plan to fight corruption in the embattled upper chamber.

Throughout the Senate scandal, Angus has been a gadfly to Harper, who was attending a campaign event Wednesday in B.C. But his leader got things going during a morning appearance in Levis, Que.

There is more at stake than just Wright and the \$90,000

he gave Duffy to repay questioned expenses, Mulcair told NDP supporters.

"Nigel Wright may be on the witness stand, but it's Stephen Harper who is on trial," Mulcair said.

"Mr. Harper has time and again said one thing and its opposite during this whole Duffy-Wright affair. And when you say one thing and its opposite, it's quite obvious that both can't be true."

The Conservatives have been convicted of wrongdoing in the last three elections, Mulcair noted. "With a record like this, Canadians can't let Stephen Harper get away with it again."

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NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

Trudeau, however, suggested at a campaign event in Regina that instead of looking at all the mistakes that were made, he wants to move in a different direction — focusing in particular on the economy and the middle class.

"What we see right now is Ottawa is going to be entirely focused on what's coming out of that trial; people are going to be talking about all the things that went wrong with the Harper government," Trudeau said.

"I'm going to be talking about how we fix Canada and how we build a strong economy for the future of Canadians."

The Conservatives are out of steam and out of ideas, and Harper's plan is to stick with a program that hasn't worked, Trudeau said.

"When a plan isn't working, the real risk is sticking with the status quo." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Ex-PQ minister named Peladeau's chief of staff

Former Parti Quebecois cabinet minister Pierre Duchesne is the new chief of staff to party leader Pierre Karl Peladeau.

The ex-Radio Canada reporter was minister of higher education between 2012 and 2014 when he lost his seat in the general election and the Liberals swept to power. Duchesne, 50, has been a strategic adviser to the PQ since June 2014.

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Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau cradles Adalyn Hayes during a campaign visit to the Regina Farmers Market on Wednesday. MICHAEL BELL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Manitoba man turns over gun-shaped iPhone case to police

A Manitoba man has turned his cellphone case over to police after it caused panic on a crowded public beach.

The black case, shaped like a handgun, was tucked in the waistband of the man's shorts on Sunday while he was at Grand Beach north of Winnipeg.

RCMP were called and responded with real rifles and Tasers.

They found the man sitting on the beach with family members, including children, and quickly determined he was only armed with an iPhone.

Sgt. Bert Paquet says the 34-year-old man was questioned and voluntarily gave officers the case for disposal.



A man's iPhone case caused panic on a crowded public beach. RCMP/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He will not face charges. "While the individual knew this item to be a fake gun, our officers did not," said Paquet. "Some people do not realize the risks associated with openly

carrying or displaying these replicas in a public space. Anyone who owns this type or similar devices should safely dispose of them immediately."

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HEALTH

Precautionary boil-water advisory for Sask. city

The Saskatchewan Water Security Agency says the entire city of North Battleford is under a boil-water advisory.

The agency says the advisory is due to a "process error" at the city's water treatment plant.

The advisory says all drinking water, as well as water used for dishwashing, washing fruit and vegetables and brushing teeth must be brought to a rolling boil for one minute.

More than 7,000 North Battleford residents became sick in 2001 when a parasite entered the water supply. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Croatia's Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic addresses a news conference in Zagreb after ISIL sympathizers circulated a ghastly image on video. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Croats in shock over beheading

TERRORISM

Surveyor was abducted by ISIL in Egypt last month

In Tomislav Salopek's hometown Vrpolje in Croatia, residents refuse to believe Wednesday's reports that the 30-year-old surveyor appears to have become the first Croat to be beheaded by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

"No, no, no," Goran Blazanovic kept repeating as he sat in the local café filled with pale and quiet guests who were switching from one news portal to another on their smart-

phone screens, looking for signs that would give them hope that the reports were mistaken.

"Nothing is proven," Blazanovic insisted. "We hope that he will come back home to his wife and children."

Salopek, who was working with France's CGG Ardisais, was abducted on July 22 in Egypt and appeared last week on an ISIL video as a hostage demanding Egyptian authorities to free "Muslim women," a term referring to female Islamist prisoners detained in a sweeping government crackdown following the 2013 military ouster of the country's Islamist president.

Then on Wednesday, ISIL sympathizers circulated an image on social media that



Nothing is proven ... We hope that he will come back.

Goran Blazanovic

appeared to show Salopek's beheaded body lying on desert sand with a black ISIL flag and a knife planted next to it. The picture or the information about his execution could not be officially verified.

Addressing the nation, Croatian Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic urged people not to expose their children to the gruesome image and said "we cannot 100 per cent confirm it is true, but what we see looks horrific." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Blasts rock Chinese port

Huge explosions at a warehouse for dangerous material in the northeastern Chinese port of Tianjin have killed at least seven people, officials said. The state-run Beijing News said between 300 and 400 people had been admitted to hospitals in the city, east of Beijing. It says the explosions shattered windows and knocked off doors of buildings in the area. Xinhua News agency said an initial explosion triggered other blasts at nearby businesses.

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RESEARCH

Octopuses display human-like traits

The octopus already is an odd-ball of the ocean. Now biologists have rediscovered a species of the sea creature that's even stranger and shares some of our social and mating habits.

Biologist Rich Ross at the California Academy of Sciences said a batch of octopuses from Central America just didn't fit the loner profile scientists had drawn for the rest of the species.

While most octopuses live alone, coming together briefly for dangerous mating, couples of this species mate beak-to-

beak in a romantic way and stay together for a few days. But it's more than sex. These octopuses clean food waste from their dens. They twirl their arms like an old-timey movie villain works his moustache.

The Larger Pacific Striped Octopus — not much bigger than a tennis ball — was found almost 40 years ago off the coast of Panama. Other scientists wouldn't believe it was a separate species so it was never formally described or named.

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Iran minister pushes peace

SYRIA

Deadly attacks surge ahead of diplomatic meeting

Iran's foreign minister, who negotiated his country's nuclear deal with world powers, discussed ways of ending Syria's civil war with President Bashar Assad in Damascus on Wednesday, as attacks surged around the Syrian capital, killing at least 36 people and wounding dozens.

Stepped-up rebel shelling and government airstrikes came just a few hours before Mohammad Javad Zarif arrived in Damascus, where he discussed a four-point proposal Iran wants to offer to the United Nations as a way out of Syria's grinding conflict.

That plan, according to a Lebanese politician familiar with the proposal, includes a ceasefire and a power-sharing government that would keep Assad in the picture, at least for now, pending internationally supervised elections.

Syrian state-run TV quoted Zarif as saying after talks with



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif speaks during a joint news conference with his Lebanese counterpart Gebran Bassil at the Lebanese foreign ministry in Beirut, Lebanon, on Wednesday. BILAL HUSSEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Assad their discussion focused on ways of ending the Syrian crisis.

"It is time for the other players and our neighbours to take note of reality, listen to the demands of the Syrian people and work for combating extremism and terrorism," Zarif said, referring to the countries backing Syrian rebels.

According to Syria's state news

agency, SANA, Zarif stressed that any solution for the crisis should be "far from any foreign intervention and in a way that preserves the country's territorial unity" and independence. He also reiterated Iran's determination to continue supporting Syria.

But the day's surge in violence underscored the improbability of

efforts to bring about a truce anytime soon in a conflict that has killed more than 250,000 people, displaced half the country's population since March 2011 and allowed the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) to flourish. Assad has lost control over more than half the country by some estimates — much of it now

ruled by warlords and militias.

The rebel shelling, which apparently was meant to send a message that Zarif was not welcome in Syria, began around the morning rush hour in Damascus. More than 50 shells struck the city, including in the upper-class neighbourhoods of Abu Rummaneh, Baramkeh and Qasaa.

Five people were killed and dozens were wounded, according to Syrian state TV and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

"We hid for two hours in the bathroom," said a resident over the telephone from Qasaa, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. "My children woke up terrified. Our windows were shattered and so was my car's windshield."

Shortly afterward, government warplanes unleashed a wave of airstrikes on several rebel-held suburbs of the capital. The Local Coordination Committees, an activist group, said the air raids killed 35 people and wounded dozens. The Observatory said the airstrikes killed at least 31 and wounded more than 120. Disparate accounts are common in the aftermath of such incidents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Gunmen slay four officers at restaurant in Pakistan

Gunmen killed four policemen Wednesday in southern Pakistan, a day after the army said it had arrested a senior member of the Pakistani Taliban and foiled a plot to attack Independence Day celebrations later this week. The police were attacked as they ate at a roadside restaurant in the port city of Karachi, police officer Naeem Sheikh said. No one claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ikea stabbing suspect was denied residency permit

Officials said Wednesday the main suspect in a knife attack that killed two people at an Ikea store in central Sweden was due to be deported soon, after his application for a residency permit was rejected last month. Migration Agency spokeswoman Johanna Mahlen said officials had twice rejected an application from the suspect since he arrived in Sweden in 2013. She declined to comment further or give more details. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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The 2,500 dismissals at Kraft Heinz involve employees in sales, marketing and finance. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Kraft Heinz slashing 2,500 jobs post-merger

CUTBACKS

Executives expect to save \$1.5 billion in annual costs

Kraft Heinz says it is cutting about 2,500 jobs in the U.S. and Canada as part of its plan to slash costs after the food companies combined.

Spokesman Michael Mullen says the affected workers were to be notified in person. About 700 of the cuts were coming in Northfield, Ill., where Kraft had been headquartered.

The company would not specify where other cuts were taking place but said that all the jobs were salaried. It said none of the job cuts involved factory workers.

The Kraft Heinz Co. said it had a total of around 46,600 employees before the cuts. That included about 1,900 in Northfield.

When the two companies announced the merger in March, Mullen said Heinz had Canadian operations in Toronto and St. Marys, Ont., as well as a small office in Leamington, Ont.

Kraft had around 2,000 Canadian employees, and according to a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission,

This new structure eliminates duplication to enable faster decision-making.

Kraft Heinz spokesman Michael Mullen

three distribution centres and two manufacturing and processing facilities.

The job cuts are not surprising, given the reputation of the company's management on Wall Street.

CEO Bernardo Hees had already overseen cost-cutting at Heinz since the ketchup maker was taken over in 2013 in a prior partnership between 3G and Berkshire. That means the cuts announced Wednesday mostly affect people on the Kraft side of the business.

Executives say they expect to save \$1.5 billion in annual costs by 2017.

In a statement, Mullen said Wednesday the job cuts are part of the company's process of integrating the two businesses and "designing our new organization."

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FINANCE

Greece, creditors assess bailout terms

Details of Greece's latest bailout package were being pored over across Europe on Wednesday as Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras insisted the agreement with creditors would put "a definitive end" to the country's economic uncertainty.

Tsipras has called an emergency session of parliament to discuss and vote on the bill, which includes painful tax hikes and spending cuts, in time for a confirmed meeting Friday of the eurozone's 19 finance ministers in Brussels.

The so-called eurogroup has to sign off on the bailout deal — as do a few parliaments — so the funds on offer can be released in time for Greece to avoid defaulting on a big

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debt repayment to the European Central Bank on Aug. 20. The three-year bailout is worth about 85 billion euros (\$93 billion).

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IN BRIEF

Air Canada sees record-breaking quarterly profit

Air Canada announced Wednesday its net profit surged 33 per cent to \$296 million in the second quarter. The net income amounted to \$1 per diluted

share, up from 75 cents per share or \$223 million in the second quarter of 2014.

The company said it expects record results again in the third quarter that ends Sept. 30.

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IN BRIEF

Sephora extends presence in Canadian beauty market

The Sephora international chain of perfume and cos-

metics stores has opened its first Canadian distribution centre. The company says the new distribution centre,

which employs 82 people, is part of Sephora's efforts to improve shopping from sephora.ca and mobile devices.

It says that a revamped version of its Sephora to Go app will be released in September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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metro's election explainer

This vote could decide the future of the Senate. Here's where the leaders stand.

The trial of Senator Mike Duffy on charges of fraud, bribery and breach of trust has many wondering if it's time to clean house at the upper house. Senators are not elected, but appointed by the Governor General at the direction of the prime minister. They serve until age 75, most of their work is taken up by rubber-stamping the House of Commons' bills. Historically this plum post was used to reward friends and allies of the party in power. It doesn't take a psychic to divine that this system of patronage — though it's baked into the Constitution — will fall further out of favour in the future. It's enough to get leaders to peer into their crystal balls. Here's what they're seeing.

CONSERVATIVES: ABOLISH

The PM is a harsh critic of the Senate, saying 21st-century legislatures ought to be elected. But he says major reform, without consent of the provinces and messy constitutional negotiations, is "off the table." Harper hasn't appointed new senators for more than two years, in a bid to get provinces to initiate change. If that doesn't happen, and he's re-elected, he says he may have to resume appointments to get bills passed.



NEW DEMOCRATS: ABOLISH

Dippers are the most voracious critics of the Senate. They want to see the chamber consigned to history ASAP — even if means getting the provinces on board to pass a certain-to-be-contentious constitutional amendment. The NDP's "Roll up the red carpet" campaign literature notes with derision that all but a handful of the senators Harper appointed before his moratorium were major donors to the Conservative Party. The party also decries that the upper house sits for only 72 days a year at a cost of \$116 million to taxpayers.

LIBERALS: REFORM

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau says the NDP's and Conservatives' prophesying about a future with no Senate is "cynical," "dangerous" and "unrealistic." He argues reopening the constitutional debate — which has been divisive and dragged on for years in the past — could reinvigorate Quebec separatists. Instead, he wants an independent, nonpartisan, "merit-based" panel to appoint senators, a move critics say wouldn't adequately address the problem of patronage.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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To hear Trump tell it, any fierce woman must be menstruating

If there's one thing Americans will never see under a Trump presidency, it's an apology.

That hasn't stop menstruating women from hounding our orange-topped celebrity politician du jour on Twitter, giving him a play-by-play of their periods, tagged #periodsarenotaninult.

Earlier this week, Trump faced an onslaught of attacks from fellow Republicans after he suggested Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly asked him pointed questions during a debate because she was PMS'ing.

Trump, favouring truth talk as ever, told it like he sees it: Any woman acting fiercely is obviously on her period.

He's since denied the implications of his words. But regardless, it shows how much women's monthly bleeding still freaks everyone out.

During Thursday's debate, Kelly pressed Trump on his views of women (he's called Arianna Huffington "a dog," others "slobs" and "fat pigs").

Trump, in response, called Kelly a bimbo on Twitter. He told CNN she was a "light-weight" trying to act tough "reading her little script."

"You could see there was blood coming out of her eyes. Blood coming out of her ... wherever."

And that is what it takes to truly ostracize the Republican Party. Republicans slammed Trump "with a vigour not seen

during previous controversies during his presidential bid," to quote CNN. He was even dis-invited to a major Republican presidential event.

Not for calling Mexicans rapists. Not for his other demeaning comments about women (see above).

Apparently, mentioning a woman's bleeding is the lowest a Republican can go.

I would have considered period activism the province of young feminists learning that periods aren't weird or shameful. But menstrual blood still makes international headlines: Whether you're a marathon runner who got a Q & A with Cosmopolitan for bleeding while running, or you're an Instagram user getting shut down for posting photos of bloody sheets — periods are news.

There are a few ways to slice it. Maybe the spectre of menstrual blood remains extra gross or frightening. Or maybe, "period" is a misogynist code word for women's supposed lack of emotional control.

Sure, what Trump said was despicable. But most of what Trump says is despicable, mostly because he's direct about some despicable points of view other politicians prefer only to imply.

I don't have an answer to this one, but I am wondering: Why are periods the trump card?

Some health apps work, but do your homework

THE SCIENCE

Stephanie Orford



This September, the federal government is aiming to help you start your fall regimen properly with a new health incentives app called Carrot Rewards.

The \$15-million tool, created by Canadian developer Social Change Rewards, provides cash-value incentives for Canadian users who make healthy lifestyle choices (cooking healthy recipes, joining fitness groups).

Carrot is just one of more than 100,000 smartphone health apps out there — and the market is growing. They can be a great way for people to monitor their health, and in some case they can help motivate users to identify issues and treat

them.

Calorie-tracking apps like My Fitness Pal help users track their energy inputs and outputs, and indicate whether they're meeting a few key nutritional needs such as protein and vitamin intake.

Clue, a period-tracking app, allows users to record the timing of their period, their pain and other physiological observations, and helps women estimate when they're most likely to get pregnant.

But not all health apps are equal before science.

Last year a study published in breast-cancer journal The Breast found that the vast majority (about 85 per cent) of apps dedicated to breast health were not regulated or created using professional input.

And an earlier study found little evidence at testing to the efficacy of

295 cancer apps.

A 2013 study of women's health apps found that eight out of 10 weight-loss apps were effective at helping their users achieve weight loss, but found little evidence that other types of health apps were effective.

Smartphones are a powerful tool to collect and analyze personal health data inexpensively. They can potentially be used to flag health problems and provide potential preventive solutions.

And they can pre-empt health-care costs incurred by patients who would otherwise put off visiting a doctor until their health conditions were too severe to ignore.

But just because it's a slick smartphone app doesn't mean it's backed by good science. Before you download the app, do the research.

Smartphones are a powerful tool to collect and analyze personal health data inexpensively ... But just because it's a slick smartphone app doesn't mean it's backed by good science.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

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Behind the covers of Chip Kidd

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Working on Japanese books brings a new way of seeing

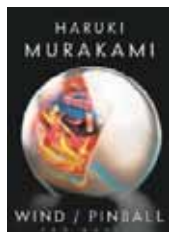
Famed graphic and book designer Chip Kidd has been designing covers for Japanese writer Haruki Murakami's books at Knopf for 20 years.

He's visited Japan and has been inspired in part by what he found in the jimbocho anti-

quarian book section of Tokyo. "I could spend a couple of weeks there," he told Torstar News Service in an interview, "because you see everything from traditional Japanese bookmaking, then how they were influenced in terms of design by the West ... It's a whole other way of visually thinking. We are left to right and they are right to left."

Here, some more of Murakami's book covers, with comments from Kidd on inspiration, challenges and successes.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Wind / Pinball

I work with a photo-grapher and image-maker named Geoff Spear and we worked on The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle and we worked on Kafka On The Shore. You know he's sort of a magician: I say (to him), "You know I want a giant pinball and we're going to see a reflection of this particular pinball machine in it" and so he did it and it was really great. And we go back and forth and hone it. And then I realized after it was accepted that the image of the pinball machine, of the rocket ship is on the left, and the clear, just the sheen of the chrome is on the right. But the title is Wind/Pinball. But when you look at this it's Pinball/Wind. Then I thought, no, this is perfect, because if you read the image right to left (as you would in Japanese) it is Wind/Pinball.



Colorless

The trickiest by far was Colorless. Our head of production (at Knopf) is a guy named Andy Hughes who's ... just really, really brilliant at figuring out how to get these designs mass produced. But I think with Colorless ... I had a special excitement because the book debuted at No. 1. That was a huge symbolic milestone for him, plus I'm very proud of the design. It's strange, it's abstract, it initially doesn't really appear to mean anything although I was hoping that potential readers would be enamoured of it as an object first, then as you read it you figure out why the design looks the way it does. Then it makes more sense and takes on more meaning.



Book designer Chip Kidd in his studio. CONTRIBUTED



The Strange Library

The brief, as it were, on The Strange Library was to make an extremely visual book out of what is essentially a short story and could be conceived as a short story for a younger audience. You know I also have to say that I'm so thrilled that the Canadian publisher Random House Canada has used my designs because they didn't have to. They could have created their own. But they went along with just about everything that I've worked on ... and I really appreciate it.



1Q84

The 1Q84 jacket almost didn't happen because they couldn't find a bindery that would be able to (handle it. The hard cover had an image with a semi-transparent jacket overleaf). It would have had to be done by hand as opposed to by a machine and that would have killed it for obvious reasons — we're talking over 100,000 books. So Andy Hughes (our head of production) found a bindery who was willing to take it on as long as we would give him a quarter inch play in either direction. Sometimes the title lined up perfectly and then sometimes it would shift to the left or to the right. But even if it shifted then you'd get this kind of nice white drop shadow and it wouldn't impede the readability of it.



The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle

It's hard to pick (a favourite) I think that the way we were able to do Wind-Up Bird was really for me, because I was able to involve again my friend Geoff Spear and the cartoonist Chris Ware and blend their work together on this giant wind-up bird. And the way that works with the whole interior was for me a sort of revelation about how to design a novel starting with a deck and then going into the inside and how they work with each other.



After Dark

(My trips to Japan) influenced me a lot especially in terms of just getting to understand the visual culture. There was a Murakami novel called After Dark and I was in Tokyo when I was working on that. I took a photo of a pachinko parlour ... and it was late, it was like midnight or one in the morning. So I took a picture of it and it had these funky glass doors that slid closed just as I was taking the picture. And I got angry. But it turned out that's what we ended up using because it looked so interesting, it looked more interesting than if the doors had been open.



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Truth is stranger than fiction for Buck 65

BUCK 65

Hip-hop artist and CBC host releases memoir

BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



Driving into Mount Uniacke, a rural community 40 kilometres outside of Halifax, you will encounter a wooden sign welcoming visitors to the "The Home of Buck 65."

Rich Terfry (a.k.a. Buck 65), Mount Uniacke's most famous son, earned the keys to the town: first, as a major-league hopeful with a lightning-fast arm, then as a Juno Award-winning hip-hop artist, a CBC Radio host, and now author. And yet the release of Terfry's memoir, *Wicked and Weird: The Amazing Tales of Buck 65*, published by Doubleday Canada, has the Nova Scotia native a little nervous about the response back home.

"I wanted to capture the spirit of the place and do it justice, but the tricky part is that a lot of the stuff that happened there was never talked about," he says. "And now I'm talking about it, for everyone to see."

Revealing "a hometown fuelled by secrets" is nerve-racking for sure, but the stories come with a warning. In the book's foreword, Terfry declares that his "imagination remains more reliable than my memory," a sly warning

to readers not to believe everything on the page.

Terfry carries out on the weird promise alluded to in the title. In the first half of the book's coming-of-age story, there are Paul Bunyon-esque circus freaks and baseballs thrown so hard they fly into outer space, holes dug halfway to China that swallow up a man.

For those familiar with Buck 65's autobiographically inspired lyrics or his yarn-spinning broadcasts on the CBC Radio program Drive,



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The tricky part is that a lot of the stuff that happened there was never talked about

Rich Terfry, on his hometown

it's no surprise that the memoir is fuelled by his "taste for the fantastical."

"I got this idea in my head a long time ago that I never wanted to be perceived as boring. No one is ever going to say that guy's a snooze," he says. "I grew up in a family where storytelling was a big part of the culture.

Stories became tall tales, and the fish caught become this big," he says, stretching his arms.

But underlying the personal mythology are the darker thoughts of an introverted young man growing up in a rough town, coping with the death of his beloved but volatile mother, a heavy-drinking father.

With *Wicked and Weird: The Amazing Tales of Buck 65*, Rich Terfry continues in his confessional tradition. HANDOUT



adolescent infatuations and a promising baseball career cut short by physical injury.

The second half of the book reads as something of a confession, recalling Terfry's breakout as a successful music artist, a retreat to Paris and, most importantly, his relationship with ex-wife Claire Barest — who sang on several tracks on his album *Secret House Against the World*, and whose breakup with inspired his 2014 album *Neverlove*.

In the past when Terfry has publicly opened up — first through his music (his song *Ice*, about his mother's death, led to a record deal with Warner Music), and later through social media (earlier this year he admitted on Facebook to creating "a false image of myself"), he's discovered fans willing to listen to his words and empathize.

"It's been scary, and it still is," Terfry says. "But the response has been so good. Opening up to people I've been given so much positive reinforcement, and as time goes on, I felt safer and safer doing it. So it's something that I continue to do."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

BLACK CHALK

No such thing as just a game

Emily Laurence
Metro in New York

As a puzzle and crossword maker, it's no surprise Christopher Yates enjoys a good game. But his novel *Black Chalk* takes the idea of friendly competition to a whole new level implying that life itself is a game. "Why else do you think we call ourselves the human race?" the book asks.

"There's a quote I like from Gore Vidal: 'Every time a friend succeeds, I die a little,'" Yates says. "Some people say it's a great quote and really expresses something true. Other people are absolutely mystified. They can't understand the idea of being jealous by someone else's success."

The book is about six friends studying at Oxford University who make up a game. At first the consequences of losing a round are silly. But over time, the consequences become life-altering, at times deeply humiliating and ultimately change the players forever.

"I came up with the idea for the very game with a friend when I was at Oxford," Yates says. "We never played the game, which is probably fortunate. But to a large degree, writing this book was me imagining what would happen if we did play the game."

The structure of the book jumps between present day and the college days in 1991. The narrator is a recluse living in the East Village in New York, and at times, the reader doesn't actually know which one of the characters is narrating the book.

Yates uses various other tricks to keep the reader guessing the whole way through.

"I did a lot of those things as a way to entertain myself while I wrote it," he says. "I think I almost turned the book into some sort of puzzle, even a puzzle for myself."

+ INSIDER INFO

Expert crossword puzzle maker and author Christopher Yates shares his tips for solving the hardest crosswords

1. Three-letter words

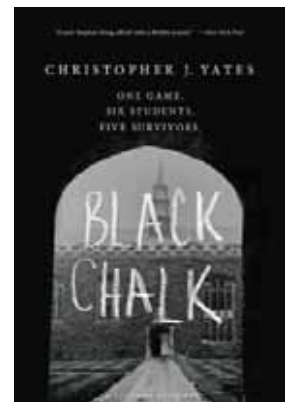
"When you make up a crossword puzzle, you are often forced to use obscure three-letter words," Yates says. He suggests Googling "crosswords three letter words" to build a base of the most common ones.

2. Look to the suffix

Yates says if a clue ends in -ing, there's a good likelihood the answer ends in -ing as well. Same goes for -ed. "Just pencil in (the suffix) and see if it helps."

3. Take a break.

Sometimes the best thing you can do is put down the crossword and do something else. "Your brain is still working," he says. Chances are, when you sit back down, an idea will pop in your head.



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GOSSIP BRIEFS

Stewart not talking about sexuality

During her chat with Nylon magazine, former Twilight star Kirsten Stewart was asked to define her sexuality, but she'd rather not if that's cool.

"I don't feel like it would be true for me to be like, 'I'm coming out!'" she says. "I think in three or four years, there are going to be a whole lot more people who don't think it's necessary to figure out if you're gay or straight. It's

like, just do your thing." NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

Smith calls out homophobia

Sam Smith took to Instagram this week to put one particular follower that had been ha-

assing him on blast.

"This genuinely doesn't offend me, (because) I'm way too (thick-)skinned when it comes to this kind of s—," Smith writes. "But I just wanted to share this with everyone, so you can see how

homophobia is still so present in our society." The account in question, named @gaysam-smith, has five followers and zero posts, with an account description that bashes Smith with homophobic language.

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RELATIONSHIP

Tabloids faze Faris

Anna Faris and Chris Pratt are uncomfortably adjusting to life in the tabloid glare now that Pratt is one of the biggest movie stars in the world. For instance, Faris wasn't too thrilled by a Star magazine report this summer claiming she was worried about Pratt cheating on her with Jennifer Lawrence while they shoot a new movie together. "For us it was like, 'What the heck?' This has been blindsiding to us. We

have an incredible relationship. It's been weirdly stinging," she tells Fox411.



"(That) stung a little bit harder than I thought it would. I have always kind of believed that part of the rumours of celebrity couples were sort of true — because they had never been a part of my life. I thought 'Maybe there is a kernel of truth to that.'" NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

HOMES

Swift not buying a castle near her prince

This week in Taylor Swift rumour debunking: The Shake it Off singer is not — I repeat, not — buying a castle in the Scottish countryside to be closer to boyfriend Calvin Harris' family. The castle in question, the Tower of Lethe-

ndy, would cost about \$7.2 million but put her just an hour's drive from Harris' family homestead.

But alas: "I'm not actually buying a castle," she tweeted. So there you have it.

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Olsen twins are having a bad week

LAWSUIT

Unpaid intern takes Dualstar to task over brutal hours

IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar



Not cool, ladies. Not cool. Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen are having a less-than-awesome week, as the former child stars are being sued by a former intern, Shahista Lalani, for being over-worked with no pay.

Lalani is leading a class-action lawsuit against the

twins' company, Dualstar Entertainment, where she worked as an intern in 2012.

"I was doing the work of three interns," Lalani says of her time under the designer for the Olsens' The Row label, according to the New York Post. "I was talking to her all day, all night. Emails at night-time for the next day — like, 10 p.m. at night. It was, like, 100 degrees outside. I'd just be sweating to death. I probably carried, like, 50 pounds worth of trench coats."

Sounds like someone forgot to watch The Devil Wears Prada before starting her internship.

"You're like an employee, except you're not getting paid," she added. "They're



The twins' company, Dualstar Entertainment, is staying mum over allegations. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

kind of mean to you. Other interns have cried. I'd see a lot of kids crying doing coffee runs, photocopying stuff."

That ... sounds about normal for an internship in the fashion world. Lalani does say that the Olsen twins themselves are totes cool, though: "They're really nice people. They were never mean to anyone."

Oh, and in a great example of corporate shade, a rep for the company simply says, "Dualstar is not aware of this (lawsuit)." Burn.

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What they're asking

The average sale price of a Canadian home rose eight per cent in May, to more than \$450,000 for the first time ever, according to the Canadian Real Estate Association. Here's a lineup of properties that can be purchased for \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Duncan McAllister FOR METRO

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\$459,900

Edmonton

For sale is an upgraded two-storey home at 16112 - 46 St., in the Brintnell neighbourhood, located on a quiet crescent, with an open-concept main floor with nine-foot ceilings. The kitchen features a breakfast nook and a dining area. Upstairs, the master bedroom includes a walk-in closet and ensuite. The basement has been soundproofed and roughed-in for home theatre. The lot features professionally finished landscaping and there's an oversized, double garage with an extended driveway. Jeremy Amyotte is a sales representative with Re/Max Elite, 780-232-7170.



\$459,900

Halifax

With four levels of living space, this executive home is located on a large lot in the heart of Bedford. The floor plan features plenty of open space and nine-foot ceilings. The kitchen features granite countertops and ceramic flooring. The second level has a large master suite with ensuite, and a generous spare bedroom and office. There's a fully finished basement, built-in sound system and wine cellar. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo from the Bagogloo Team, Re/Max nova, 902-830-9006.



\$489,900

Calgary

This detached bungalow sold at press time above list price. The Brentwood neighbourhood was recently voted by Calgary's Avenue Magazine as the No. 2 community to live in. This four-bedroom home is situated on a large, sunny lot. The entryway leads to an open-plan living room with fireplace. The huge kitchen has plenty of storage and there's a large dining room. It's within walking distance to schools, shopping, the C-Train and several malls. Bryon Howard is a sales representative for Re/Max House of Real Estate, 403-589-0004.



\$399,900

Winnipeg

This is an 1,807-sq.-ft. Cabover Family home, in the North Meadows district. Listing agent Chris Kenny says it was custom-built for its current owners in 2006 with no expense spared. The basement was finished professionally by the builder to ensure consistent quality and flow throughout. There's a gas fireplace and an oversized two-car garage. The fenced backyard has a deck and garden shed. There are four large bedrooms throughout with a sunny kitchen and living room. Kenny is a sales representative with Re/Max Professionals, 204-899-4858.



\$457,000

Ottawa

Here's a four-bedroom home in the Riverside Park South area. Listing agent Emad Fadel says that it's a very well-maintained home located in a desirable family-oriented neighbourhood. It features new ceramic tiles and hardwood floors throughout. There are new kitchen cabinets and countertops, a main-level laundry, a recreation room and a landscaped, fenced private yard. The location is close to a park and playground. Amenities are nearby as well as public transit. Fadel is a sales representative with Royal LePage Performance Realty, 613-733-9100.



\$489,900

Toronto

Here's a condo suite right downtown, with a one bedroom plus den layout. It's a 710-sq.-ft. floor plan with a 250-sq.-ft. terrace. The suite has unobstructed views of the lake, with floor-to-ceiling windows and a Scavolini kitchen. Included is a parking spot and locker. It's walking distance to the Distillery District and the Yonge subway. The suite includes a stainless steel appliance package and the amenities include visitor parking, concierge, and a rooftop terrace. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.



\$464,900

Vancouver

This well-maintained, two-storey townhome in Burnaby features an open-concept living and dining room and has a well-appointed kitchen with granite counters, undermount sink and plenty of storage space. It's a convenient central Burnaby location, adjacent to Broadview Park and close to transit and amenities. The unit has an upstairs laundry and comes with one parking stall and a storage locker. The bedrooms are separated from each other for privacy. Listing agent is Angela Reeves with Royal LePage West R.E.S., 604-897-7033.

Sleep in style

The best in fall 2015 bedding has hit the stores. Here are a few of my favourite ensembles each teamed with two paint colours (all Benjamin Moore paint swatches). Even if you only paint the one wall behind your bed, you'll create a focal point in your bedroom and make your new bedding stand out.

DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



Soothing bedding palettes deserve similar wall colours so take your colour cue directly from the bedding.

Barbara Barry Poetical Duvet Cover, \$200, BedBathAndBeyond.ca

LEFT: Got a dark room? Choose a light reflective colour like **Silver Mink #1586**

RIGHT: Create a cosy, cocoon-like feeling with **Plymouth Brown #HC-72**

Only working with one colour? Then either choose the exact colour of the bedding to highlight your walls or an opposite colour to complement.

Plum & Bow Rust Medallion Duvet Cover, \$89, UrbanOutfitters.com

LEFT: Rust and teal are a winning and fashionable combination. **Bella Blue 720**
RIGHT: Deep rust has returned from the 1970s and this is the one! **RedRock 2005-10**



When decorating around boldly coloured bedding, find the most neutral (and easiest to live with) colours for the walls.

Chromatic Circle Duvet Cover Set, \$175, Simons.ca

LEFT: Colourful bedding can be swayed towards a masculine style with **Hearthstone 1601**

RIGHT: All colours pop when put against **Raisin Torte 2083-10**



When working with solid colours, look to the fashion runways for fun accompanying colours to paint the walls.

Moncton Duvet Set, \$100, EQ3.com

LEFT: Grey and citron create a rich, brassy wall colour to help wake up grey tones. **Ivy League 516**

RIGHT: Sexy, sexy, sexy — that's all I can say about **Tropical Dust 2117-40**

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Technology invades classroom

Jennifer Taplin
For Metro

Binders — check. Pencils — check. Mobile tablet — check.

This September, all high school students in the West Vancouver School District are strongly encouraged to bring their devices to school. School-owned devices will be available for students who don't have their own.

"Students bringing their own devices has really been an evolution over the last few years — we started in younger grades and it is now moving through out high schools," said Chris Kennedy, superintendent at West Vancouver Schools.

And just because students have devices in school, doesn't mean they'll always be using them, Kennedy said. It will depend on the classroom activity.

There are arguments to the contrary — distraction and theft — but these are issues young adults are going to have to learn some time, it might as well be in high school.

"Students with digital devices is about being citizens in our modern world," Kennedy said. "Some want to look to see if

+ ENGAGEMENT

Karsenti's research showed devices made classroom management more difficult for teachers, but there was an upside: Many teachers surveyed said it makes them better teachers because they are constantly walking up and down the desks and keeping the kids engaged instead of lecturing from a seat in the front of the class.

devices improve scores on standardized tests — we don't. We know that the world our students participate in is digitally rich, so we want to support them in this world at school."

For years Thierry Karsenti, a University of Montreal professor, has researched the use of technology in classrooms.

"There's a big myth in education that teachers often think students are so good with technology they don't need to teach them how technology works," he said. "The research that is being conducted shows that is completely false."

Students are really good at gaming and socializing on fa-



High school students in B.C. are being encouraged to bring their own devices to class this year. SHUTTERSTOCK

cebook, but they're not very good at using technology to search for information, use a word processor or a dictionary.

"All these skills in 2015 have to be mastered in school," he said.

The idea of BYOD (bring your own device) is very popular, but it has a downside: students are bringing a variety of devices to school making it difficult for teachers to keep the class together, Karsenti said. It's eas-

ier for teachers if the school supplies the kids with all the same type devices.

Studies show devices create more learning in the classroom, but it takes time Karsenti said. The first year is usually rough, as kids are highly distracted.

Karsenti's latest research surveying thousands of Canadian students found after a while, students figure out how to let go of distractions.

"After three years what we found there is a significant impact on learning," he said.

Plus, if students learn to look past distractions in high school, they'll be better off and more focused in university.

"We have to learn to live with the device in high school or sometimes before that because if we don't do that, who is going to show them how to do that?"

The BYOD movement will be huge

Jim Slotta, a researcher at the University of Toronto, said getting students to bring their own devices solves several problems for schools. "If you're not going to be doing (BYOD), you're going to be in the minority of school boards and schools."

It solves the one-to-one computing problem that has plagued educators for decades: whether and when to stock the computer room with laptops.

"The problem is nobody knows what to do with the devices," he said. "They can have all the devices they want but no teachers out there who know what to do with a classroom full of kids with devices. That's going to be a stumbling block."

And into the future, Slotta expects there will be more peer-to-peer technology where tablets will communicate better and network within the classroom. Smartboards will be in more classrooms as will larger multi-touch tablets.

"Imagine a 35-inch tablet with three or four people around it touching it," Slotta said.

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The Mariners' 10th-inning win Tuesday ensured home teams won all 15 games on the same day for the first time in MLB

Stamps to face old team Eskimos

CFL

Skilled veteran just focused on helping Montreal win

After eight seasons of scoring touchdowns for the Edmonton Eskimos, Fred Stamps now has to figure out how to beat their league-leading defence.

Stamps and the Montreal Alouettes host the Eskimos on Thursday. The veteran slotback will face his former teammates for the first time since being traded to Montreal for wide receiver Kenny Stafford this off-season.

"I just want to win football games," said Stamps on Wednesday. "I take it as any other game. I don't want to step out of character and focus on just one game. I'm not really stressing on it."

Stamps, 33, has put together



Montreal Alouettes slotback Fred Stamps, left, has proved to be a hit with coach Tom Higgins in his short time with the club. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

an impressive CFL resume since entering the league in 2007. In 122 regular-season games, the New Orleans native has 8,167 yards and 49 touchdowns.

In five games with the Alouettes this season, Stamps has 15

catches for 235 yards but has yet to score a touchdown.

"What he brings to the table is a lot more than what you can measure as far as yards on the field and completions," said Alouettes head coach Tom Higgins. "He's

a consummate pro who knows how to prepare each and every week. In the locker-room, you can't find a finer person."

The off-season deal that sent Stamps to Montreal raised some eyebrows. Stafford is eight years

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I just want to win football games. I take it as any other game.

Fred Stamps

younger than Stamps and likely has a very long CFL career in front of him.

Stafford already has 349 yards and four touchdowns in six games with his new team. The Columbus, Ohio, native is also coming off one of his best performances of the season, catching eight balls for 71 yards and a TD last week versus the B.C. Lions.

The first-place Eskimos (4-2) will need to rely on Stafford more than usual because their top receiver Adarius Bowman is injured (lower body). The 30-year-old receiver left Edmonton's last game at halftime and did not return. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ WEEK 8 PICK



Esks at Alouettes, 5:30 p.m. Thursday

The Eskimos boast a dominant defence that's taken them to the top of the West Division. But they were shut out in the second half last weekend in Vancouver and saw their road record drop to 1-2. Quarterback Matt Nichols was 26-of-42 passing for 262 yards and two TDs but also threw two picks. Rookie Rakeem Cato threw for 303 yards and a TD for Montreal (2-4) in its 26-23 defeat in Ottawa but also had two interceptions.

Pick — Edmonton



Chris Colabello is congratulated by Josh Donaldson after hitting a three-run home run. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Jays top AL East after obliterating Oakland

Chris Colabello and Justin Smoak each hit three-run homers, and the surging Toronto Blue Jays put up seven runs in the second inning en route to their 10th straight victory, 10-3 over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday.

The rout also put the Blue Jays into first place in the American League East with

Cleveland defeating the Yankees. Colabello was 2 for 4 with four runs batted in, Josh Donaldson had two hits and drove in a pair and Russell Martin had an RBI for Toronto (63-52).

R.A. Dickey (7-10) fanned four batters and scattered three runs, six hits and two walks over six innings.

Bo Schultz and Liam Hen-

WEDNESDAY In Toronto



driks pitched scoreless seventh and eighth innings and Aaron Loup — in his first appearance since July 31 — worked around

a lead-off single in the ninth to close it out.

Former Blue Jay Danny Valencia hit a solo shot for the A's (51-64) and Mark Canha and Eric Sogard drove in a run apiece.

Aaron Brooks (1-1) lasted just 1 2/3 innings, giving up eight runs and six hits while walking two and striking out two. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tess Routliffe, shown here during an earlier race, set a Parapan Am Games record Tuesday in the S7 100-metre freestyle.
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Routliffe captures second gold in pool

PARAPAN 2015

Mehain adds silver, Canada's swimmers just behind Brazil's

Tess Routliffe won her second gold medal at the 2015 Parapan American Games as Canada continued its impressive showing in the pool.

The native of Caledon, Ont., swam to a gold medal in the S7 100-metre freestyle Wednesday, while teammate Sarah Mehain of Vernon, B.C., took silver.

It was Routliffe's third medal of the Games, but the 16-year-old said she's still learning how to win in the pool.

"Racing, you need to have experience," said Routliffe, a dwarf, who won in a Parapan Am Games record one minute 15.46 seconds. "The experience helps you a lot because you know what you are dealing with, how to handle stress, how to handle competitors."

"The more experience I get, the more energetic I get. I think I'm taking a handle on it."

Mehain, who has cerebral palsy, led for 150 meters before Routliffe overtook her down the



This is just giving me even more experience.

Swimmer Tess Routliffe

stretch. She finished in 1:19.48.

"Down the last 50 I could see Tess catching up, catching up," Mehain said. "Then she was passing me. I said 'Sarah, get your butt in gear.'"

Nydia Langill, of Mississauga, was fourth in 1:33.17.

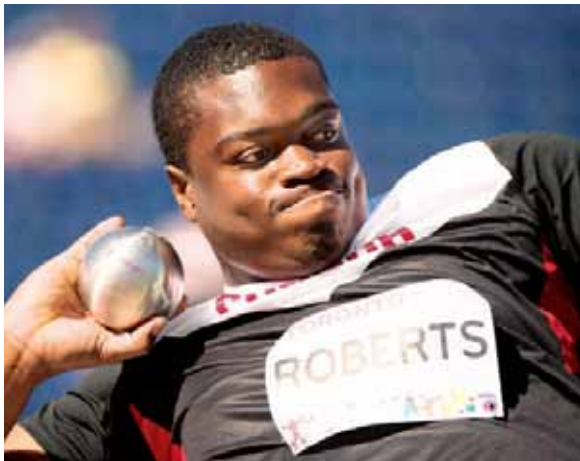
In athletics, Pamela Lejean, of Cape Breton, N.S., won the

gold medal in F53-55 women's shot put with a Parapan Am Games record throw of 4.22 metres.

Vanessa Murby, of Salt Spring Island, B.C., won the bronze medal in F11-12 women's discus with a throw of 27.02.

David Eng had 20 points and nine rebounds as Canada's men's wheelchair basketball team beat Puerto Rico 73-34 in the quarter-finals. They will face Brazil on Friday in the semis.

Elsewhere, Canada lost 8-0 to Brazil in seven-a-side soccer, and Brazil beat Canada 12-2 in men's goalball. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Toronto's Jason Roberts earned gold in F32-34 shot put with a toss of 10.33 metres while Kyle Petty, from Brampton, claimed the bronze (8.93). DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Leah Ainslie Robinson won the bronze medal in the women's 200-metre T37. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Mariners' Iwakuma no-hits the Orioles

Hisashi Iwakuma became the second Japanese-born pitcher in major league history to throw a no-hitter, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 3-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday.

The right-hander struck out seven and walked three in the fourth no-hitter this season and first by an American League pitcher in nearly three years.

Hideo Nomo threw two big-league no-nos after starting his career in his home country of Japan.

"I was aware of it obviously, but I felt it real deep in my heart in the ninth inning," Iwakuma said through a translator. "Just focusing on one hitter at a time and I'm glad I got it done."

Philadelphia's Cole Hamels — prior to his trade to Texas — Washington's Max Scherzer and

San Francisco's Chris Heston all tossed no-hitters this season.

Third baseman Kyle Seager made a nifty, twisting over-the-shoulder catch in foul territory to start the ninth, but the 34-year-old Iwakuma needed little help in completing his first career complete game and the Mariners' fifth no-hitter.

Teammate Felix Hernandez's perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays on Aug. 15, 2012, was the last time an AL pitcher did not allow a hit in a game. There have been 11 individual no-hitters and one combined no-hitter by NL pitchers since then.

Not surprisingly, Hernandez was one of the first to greet Iwakuma as he was mobbed on the pitcher's mound after the final out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Hisashi Iwakuma
GETTY IMAGES

116

The number of pitches Iwakuma threw on Wednesday



SOCCER IMPACT RALLY TO FORCE DRAW The Montreal Impact's Maxim Tissot, right, challenges Tim Parker of the Vancouver Whitecaps for the ball during the first leg of the Amway Canadian Championship in Montreal, Wednesday night. Montreal scored twice within a minute late in the match to earn a 2-2 draw. The return leg goes Aug. 26 in Vancouver. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS



IN BRIEF

Police investigation costs Kane cover of NHL 16

EA Sports is pulling Patrick Kane from the cover of its NHL 16 video game after police confirmed last week the Chicago Blackhawks star is the subject of an investigation.

Kane was to be featured on the cover alongside teammate Jonathan Toews.

EA Sports says that "in light of the ongoing investigation involving Patrick Kane, he will no longer be a spokesperson for the launch of EA Sports NHL 16." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pospisil falls to Isner at men's Rogers Cup

John Isner's big serve proved too much for Vasek Pospisil, the last Canadian left in the singles play at the men's Rogers Cup.

The six-foot-10 Isner pounded 15 aces en route to a 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-3 victory over Pospisil on Wednesday night in Montreal.

Isner, the 16th seed, posted his second win in as many weeks over Pospisil, a Vernon, B.C., native who fell to the American last week in Washington, D.C.

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RECIPE Roasted Corn and Split Pea Salad with Grilled Shrimp



EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup dry green lentils
- 2 corn cobs (husks removed)
- 8 oz large deveined and shelled shrimp
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, sliced in half
- 2 small baby cucumbers, diced
- 1/3 cup diced red onions
- Dressing
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp jalapeno (seeds can be used)
- Salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro or basil

Directions

1. In a pot of boiling water, cook lentils just until tender, about 25 to 30 minutes. Do not overcook. Drain and rinse with cold water. Add to serving bowl.
2. Meanwhile, grill or sauté corn cobs for about five minutes. Cool and cut kernels off corn. Add to lentils.
3. Grill or sauté shrimp until just cooked, about five minutes. Set aside.
4. Add bell peppers, tomatoes, cucumber and onions.
5. Dressing: combine all ingredients and pour over salad. Garnish with shrimp.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 124
- Protein 12 g
- Carbohydrates 9 g
- Total fat 5 g
- Cholesterol 86 mg
- Sodium 87 mg

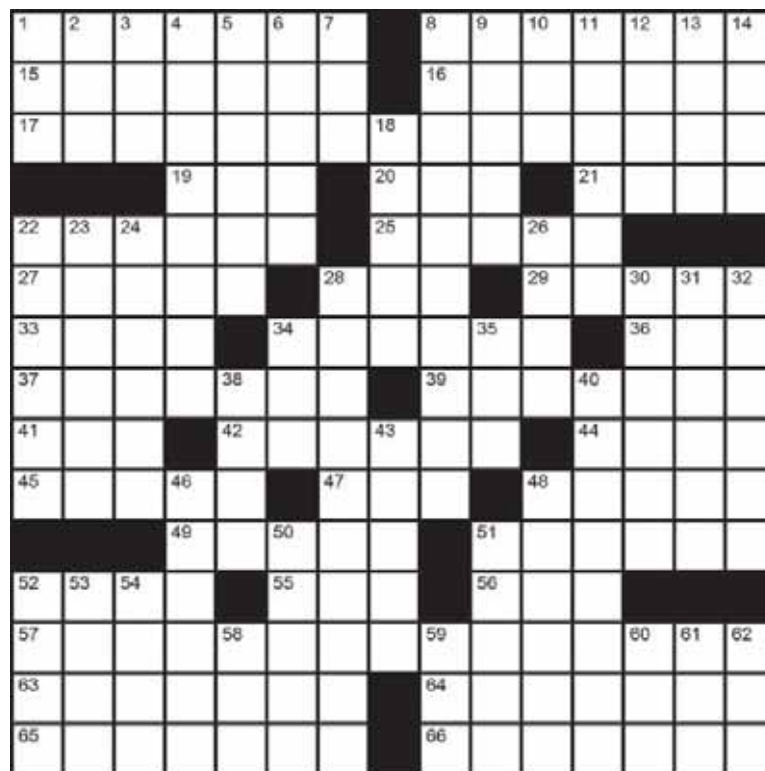
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Way to serve apple pie: 3 mots
8. In an unflappable manner
15. Piano performance
16. BC: Skeena River city
17. Annual summer music festival in Ontario, Havelock _ _
19. Minute bit
20. Band's blaster, briefly
21. 'Kind' suffix
22. Kitchen storage area
25. Fern 'seed'
27. Brings up
28. Tilling tool
29. "Vega's" star Robert
33. Great Lake
34. Supper, cute-style
36. "O Sole _"
37. Phones a radio show: 2 wds.
39. Painter (born in 1541 on the island of Crete) of the Opening of the Fifth Seal: 2 wds.
41. Driver's 4x4, commonly
42. "Snow Falling on _" (1999)
44. Mountain stat.
45. " _ firma!" (Land!)
47. Oz Auntie's namesakes
48. Soup scooper
49. Space shadow
51. Holidays, slang-style
52. "Such a



shame."

55. Roman Myth: Household deity
56. Shakespearean suffix
57. Bit of "Delta Dawn" by Tanya Tucker who is on the line up for #17-Across: "...say he was a-meeting

- you here today / To take you to his _ _ _ _ _?"
63. Debit card service in Canada
64. Emphasize, as an important point
65. Say again
66. Most brief

DOWN

1. Curve
2. Zodiac sign
3. Prefix with 'puncture'
4. " _ Gypsy": 1973 hit for #8-Down and "Wild Eyes"
5. Aquatic mammals
6. Mr. _ Pride and

- Prejudice gent
7. Cathedral city
8. Band from Calgary set to play at #17-Across (Trivia! Their hits include the song at #4-Down and "Wild Eyes")
9. Musical pace
10. Royal symbol

11. Clothing creases ceaser
12. Concern
13. Hotshots
14. Sheltered sides
18. Mr. Bateman
22. Chopped ahead of time
23. Get the drink to fizz
24. Hammer user
26. Ladder step
28. Deterrent/progress obstruction [var. sp.]
30. Shoes collector Ms. Marcos
31. Actress Ms. Tyson
32. Horse feet
34. Flatline
35. Elles opposites
38. Con
40. Those with their arms extended trying to grasp something
43. Canada's motto: ' _ _ _ _ _ Usque Ad Mare'
46. _ apple
48. Make frothy with soap
50. Belly swelling
51. Chevrolet car since 1953, cool-style
52. Mideast chieftain, variantly
53. Street for Lois?
54. Industrious insects
58. Mr. Gershwin
59. Baby bug
60. Freelancer's encl.
61. Chess pieces, e.g.
62. Nevertheless

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20

This may be the most productive time of the year for you but before you take on a new project make sure you know what is involved and what you will be expected to invest in the way of time, energy and money.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

The less you reveal about your true intentions today the better. You might be tempted to brag about your plans but if you do you are likely to regret it. Keep them to yourself.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Focus your attention on one specific thing today. It may not be easy but it must be done if you want to get an important task finished before the weekend.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Don't be tempted to change your ways just to keep up with the latest fads and fashions. Yes, of course, the old ways are not always the best but, on this occasion they are the safest.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

No matter how hard you try to engage certain people in conversation today you won't succeed. Don't take it personally — they have so many things on their plate at the moment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It may seem as if you have been working hard for no good reason but don't give up on it yet because some kind of breakthrough is imminent. If you turn back now you will never know what might have been.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Something you have been looking forward to may have to be pushed back, but later you will realize the delay was a blessing in disguise. More preparation is needed.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

It will annoy you when a friend or work colleague gets something wrong because they have not done their homework. Let them know in subtle ways that they have let themselves down.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Some of life's lessons are easier to learn than others. Bear that thought in mind today. Any lessons you learn now will pay for themselves before the month is through.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Be cautious when doing business with people you don't know and cannot completely trust. Someone who seems honest may be trying to trick you. Don't you dare fall for it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your patience may be wearing thin with a certain individual but don't lose your temper. It could be that they have serious problems they are trying to hide behind a brave face.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

There is no point blaming yourself for something that went wrong — it was bound to happen. Start rebuilding. This time, make sure the foundations are strong.

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